Rocking a Virtual Conference

How to get the most out of an online professional meeting

Get to know the platform
A little exploration = A lot of benefits

Find out how to find and view sessions, ask questions, interact with presenters and participants, and join any other activities. Make sure your computer or device can access all of the platform components (or else find a workaround).

Present your work
Keep it visual and be present

Keep your presentation highly visual and light on details (but be ready to discuss them). Have it ready to go at the appointed time using the conference’s file format. Resist multitasking during the Q&A, and respond to asynchronous questions quickly.

Make connections
Interact with participants and presenters

Use chat and messaging features to make new connections. Ask presenters about their work, discuss career paths with attendees, and share contact information to keep in touch afterwards.

Check your tech
Check your audio and be camera-ready

Make sure your audio is clear (headphones are best), and use mute when others are speaking. Dress professionally and have a clean background to get in the right mindset. If you can, turn on your camera to show your interest and engage better with others.

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